LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions in the application:

1.   Canceled without prejudice

2.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1]]22, wherein the first and second databases are separated by a firewall.

3.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1:]] 22, wherein the second database[[s are]] is part of an online pay-for-access legal research service.

4.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1]]22, wherein the means for receiving a query includes a graphical user interface for displaying a taxonomy of selectable legal topics, with selection of one or more of the legal topics indicative of a query being received.

5.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1:]] 22, wherein the query includes an identification of a legal case; and wherein the system further comprises means for displaying at least a portion of the documents found by the means for searching, with each displayed portion associated with an indicator of whether the document is a work product document of the law firm and with a depth-of-treatment indicator indicating a degree of treatment of the legal case within the document.

6.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 5, wherein each displayed portion associated with an indicator that indicates the document is a work-product document is further associated with information identifying an author of the document, an office location of the author, and an identification of documents within a document management system for the law firm.

7.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1]]22, wherein the query includes an identification of a legal case; and wherein the system further comprises means for displaying at least a portion of each document found by the means for searching, with each displayed portion associated with: a selectively displayable table of authorities listing documents cited within the document; a selectively displayable listing of other documents citing the document; a selectively displayable listing of work-product documents citing the document.

8.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein each listed document is associated with a depth-of-treatment indicator indicating a quantitative and/or qualitative degree to which the listed document treats the legal case and one or more of the listed work-product documents are associated with a feedback indicator selectable to view one or more user comments on the one or more listed work-product documents.

9.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein each portion of the documents found by the means for searching includes a selection device for invoking display of text of the document, with text including one or more selectable citations to other corresponding documents and with each citation associated with an indicator of current reliability of its corresponding document as a legal authority.

10.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising[[:]] providing an interface for an online legal research service, wherein the interface enables an authorized law firm user to view search results including both internal law-firm content including briefs, client correspondence, advisory opinions, or legal memoranda of the law firm and content of the online legal research service, wherein the search results are based on a single query submitted or initiated through the interface by the user, and wherein the internal law-firm content is generated by selectively converting documents retrieved from an internal law firm database into a markup language and then

subsequently indexing the internal law-firm content based on citations and text to permit the internal law firm content to be searched and displayed on the interface.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the law-firm content is stored in a law-firm information-management system that includes a document management system for the law firm and is separated from the online legal research service by a firewall.

12.   (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium comprising:

one or more instructions for providing an interface for an online legal research service, wherein the interface enables an authorized law firm user to view search results including both internal law-firm information-system content including briefs, client correspondence, advisory opinions, or legal memoranda and content of the online legal research service, wherein the search results are based on a single query initiated through the interface by the user, and wherein the internal law-firm information-system content is generated by selectively converting documents retrieved from an internal law firm database into a markup language and subsequently indexing the internal law-firm information-system content based on citations and text to permit the internal law-firm information-system content to be searched and displayed on the interface.

13.   (Currently Amended) A browser-compatible user interface for an online legal research service, wherein the user interface is implemented using at least one processor and memory, and enables a user at a law firm workstation within a law firm firewall to access internal law firm work product documents stored in a law-firm information-management system and external case law documents of the online legal research service by initiating or submitting a single query via the interface, wherein the internal law firm work product documents are generated by selectively converting documents retrieved from an internal law firm database into a markup language and subsequently indexing the internal law firm work product documents based on citations and text

to permit the internal law firm work product documents to be searched and displayed on the user interface.

14.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1:]] 22, wherein the agent of the law firm includes an authorized law firm user; wherein the work-product documents include internal law-firm content and the non-work-product documents include content of an online legal research service; and wherein the means for receiving the query comprises a machine-readable medium comprising one or more instructions for providing an interface for the online legal research service, wherein the interface presents the authorized law firm user search results including both internal law-firm content and content of the online legal research service, wherein the search results are based on a single query submitted through the interface by the user.

15.   (Withdrawn) A computer system for legal research, comprising:

a first database for an online legal research service, the first database including pay-for-access legal documents;

a second database for a law firm, the second database including work-product documents for the law firm; and

a graphical user interface for presenting search results from the first and second databases in response to a single user query.

16.   (Withdrawn) The system of claim 15, further including at least one firewall between the first and second databases.

17.   (Withdrawn) The system of claim 15:

wherein the work product documents include briefs, client correspondence, advisory opinions, or legal memoranda; and

wherein the pay-for-access documents include court documents, law review articles, statutory materials, and legislative histories.

18.   (Withdrawn) The system of claim 15, wherein the graphical user interface includes means for visually differentiating the work-product documents from pay-for-access legal document.

19.   (Withdrawn) The system of claim 15, wherein the single user query identifies a judicial opinion, and the search results include a listing of two or more documents, with each listed document associated with a depth-of-treatment indicator indicating a degree of treatment of the judicial opinion within the document.

20.   (Withdrawn) The system of claim 19, wherein each listed document that is a work-product document is further associated with information identifying an author of the document, an office location of the author, and an identification of documents within a document management system for the law firm.

21.   (Withdrawn) The system of claim 19, wherein each listed document that is a work-product document is associated with a feedback indicator selectable to view one or more user comments regarding the listed document.

22.   (New) A computer system comprising:

a)   means for receiving a query from agents of a law firm;

b)   means, responsive to the received query, for searching at least first and second physical or logical databases for content related to the query, with the first database including:

    (i)   a set of work-product documents of the law firm generated by retrieving documents selected from a third database containing work product documents, wherein the

retrieved work product documents are converted into a markup language and subsequently

indexed based on citations and text to permit the work product documents to be searched by the

searching means; and

(ii) the second database including non-work-product documents of the law firm.

23. (New) The computer system of Claim 22, wherein the retrieving step is accomplished by

automatically migrating or mirroring documents selected from the third database to the second

database.

24. (New) The computer system of Claim 23, wherein the migration process includes

retrieving at least one work product document from the third database by using administrator

defined queries and executing those queries on a scheduled basis or event-driven basis.

25. (New) The computer system of Claim 24 wherein the migration process further includes:

(i) storing citation relationships;

(ii) storing the work product documents with tagged citations; and

(iii) storing document profile data in the second database.

26. (New) The computer system of Claim 22, wherein at least a portion of the metadata

profile data of the work product documents are incorporated into the converted work product

documents on the second database.

27. (New) A computer network for information retrieval which includes, within a firewall:

a) a document management subsystem that includes a document management server

operable to store work product documents in a document management database;

b) a knowledge management subsystem that includes a knowledge management

server operable in a first operation to retrieve documents from the document management

database, to convert them into a markup language, index them based on citations and text, and store them in a knowledge management database of the knowledge management subsystem; and

       c)   at least one user terminal, wherein the network further includes means for communicating through the firewall and via the internet with at least one on-line external database, means for generating on the user terminal a user interface operable in a second operation to receive a query from the user and, in response to the query to conduct a search in the knowledge management database and in the external database, and to output the results of the search at the user interface.